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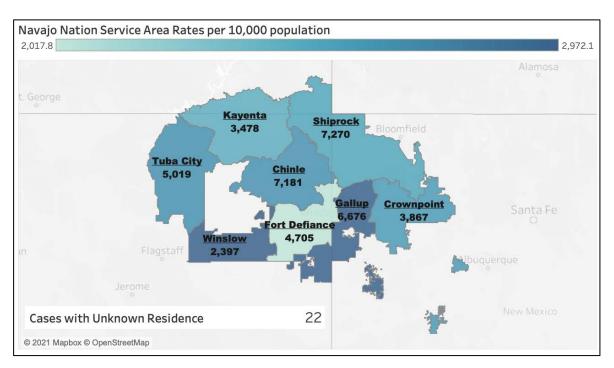
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38 new cases, 38,598 recoveries, and seven more deaths related to COVID-19



WINDOW ROCK, Ariz. – On Wednesday, the Navajo Department of Health, in coordination with the Navajo Epidemiology Center and the Navajo Area Indian Health Service, reported 38 new COVID-19 cases for the Navajo Nation and seven more deaths. The total number of deaths is now 1,569. The report indicates that 38,598 individuals have recovered from COVID-19. 405,582 COVID-19 tests have been administered. The overall total number of positive COVID-19 cases is now 40,615, including six delayed reported cases.

Navajo Nation COVID-19 positive cases by Service Unit:

Chinle Service Unit: 7,181

Crownpoint Service Unit: 3,867Ft. Defiance Service Unit: 4,705

Gallup Service Unit: 6,676

Kayenta Service Unit: 3,478

Shiprock Service Unit: 7,270
Tuba City Service Unit: 5,019
Winslow Service Unit: 2,397

On Wednesday, the state of Arizona reported 3,249 new cases, Utah reported 1,306 new cases, and New Mexico reported 1,357 cases.

"Our best defense against COVID-19 is to get fully vaccinated, and a booster shot. Across the country, the data shows that the large majority of people who are getting severely sick from the virus are those who are unvaccinated. The vaccines don't guarantee that you won't get COVID-19, but they are highly-effective against severe illness and death. We have to continue to be cautious, take safety measures, and continue to pray for our people including those on the frontlines," said Navajo Nation President Jonathan Nez.

Health care facilities across the Navajo Nation continue to administer COVID-19 vaccines. If you would like to receive one of the COVID-19 vaccines, please contact your health care provider and schedule an appointment.

"Thank you to all of our health care workers who continue to work around the clock to help people and save lives. We appreciate your dedication and sacrifices for our people. Please keep taking precautions and continue to pray for our people," said Vice President Myron Lizer.

For more information, including helpful prevention tips, and resources to help stop the spread of COVID-19, visit the Navajo Department of Health's COVID-19 website: http://www.ndoh.navajo-nsn.gov/COVID-19. For COVID-19 related questions and information, call (928) 871-7014.

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^{* 22} residences with COVID-19 positive cases are not specific enough to place them accurately in a Service Unit.